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New Ferry Chetzemoka Update

I am happy to report that changes to propulsion-control software have eliminated unwanted vibrations on the new, 64-car Chetzemoka ferry. In working with Todd Shipyards, we fine-tuned and refined the operating system to ensure that the propulsion components work together for optimal performance. We have a boat that we're confident meets our operating requirements, can stop in the required distances and will provide safe and reliable service. A new date for the Chetzemoka's inaugural sailing between Port Townsend and Keystone has not yet been set, but may occur in October after a minimum of six weeks of crew training are completed. For more information about the Chetzemoka, please visit www.wsdot.wa.gov/Projects/Ferries/64CarFerries.

Renaming the Keystone Ferry Terminal

As directed by the Washington State Transportation Commission, the Keystone Ferry Terminal will be renamed the Coupeville Ferry Terminal, starting with the fall sailing schedule. You will begin to see the terminal name transition on the WSF webpage in the next week. Look for "Coupeville (Keystone)." These changes will start to rollout in printed materials as well in the coming months. The Town of Coupeville secured just over \$41,000 in grant money to cover costs associated with the name change.

Vashon Island Trestle Paving Starts Sept. 7

WSF will begin paving the Vashon Island trestle beginning Sept. 7 through mid- October. The duration of construction depends in part on the weather. This work will require lane closures on the dock to accommodate this much needed preservation project. Work hours are Monday-Thursday from 7a.m. to 3p.m. Please expect single lane offloading and loading at times, along with temporary slip closures. We do not anticipate any sailing cancellations. Please allow for extra time during your travels while this work is under way. For more information, please contact WSF Senior Programs Manager Susan Harris-Huether at 206-515-3460.

Sound Transit Groundbreaking at Edmonds Station

On Wednesday, I participated in Sound Transit's groundbreaking of a new Sounder commuter train station in Edmonds. The transit hub, scheduled to open next spring, will replace a temporary structure south of the Amtrak station with a new east platform, passenger shelter, re-paved parking area, upgraded lighting, and secured storage for bicycles. I am very excited about the benefits of this new station to WSF customers that use the Kingston/Edmonds route.

Next Week:

- U.S. Coast Guard Ceremony
- Ferry Advisory Committee Executive Council Meeting
- University District Rotary Club Briefing

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